GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:384
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LAUNCHING OF LUXURY TOURIST TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka and Indian Railways have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to launch a luxury tourist train on the lines of Rajasthan's Palace on Wheels in the State;

(b) if so, the details of the MoU reached in this regard;

(c) the time by which the agreement is likely to be implemented;

(d) the total share, the State Government has agreed to provide in this regard; and

(e) the date on which this train is likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. In the MoU, the Indian Railways will be responsible for operatingthe train whereas the State Government will provide all onboard and on- ground hospitality services.

(c) & (d): A Joint Working Group, to be constituted in this regard, will decide on these issues.

(b) The project is to be commissioned by the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC).